

REMARKS

Applicant notes the Office's acknowledgement that Claims 7-13, 17-19, 21-22, 25-30, 33-36, 39-44, 48-50, 52-53, and 56-61 are allowed.

In the 31 JUL 08 Office Action, Claims 2-5 and 63-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jot et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,231,054) in view of Ito (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0172370 A1). While Applicant does not agree with the rejections, Applicant herein cancels Claims 2-5 and 63-64 solely to expedite issuance of Letters Patent for the allowed claims.

All of the non-allowed claims in the application have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of Letters Patent for the allowed claims.

Should any fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance, such a petition is made and the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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